

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 24 remain pending in the present application. Claims 3-5, 8-17, 20-21 and 23 are currently amended. Claims 1 and 24 were previously amended in an Article 34 Amendment during the International Stage. The purpose of this amendment is to remove multiple dependent claims to reduce filing fees and place the application in conformity with U. S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 5873-000021/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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